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NATIONAL POLICY ON CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have adopted a National Policy on Child Labour;

(b) if so, the main objectives thereof;

(c) the number of National Child Labour Projects started in the country especially in Orissa since the adoption of National Policy on Child Labour; and

(d) the norms prescribed for starting such National Child Labour Projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): Government has a National Policy on Child Labour which contains an action plan which envisages:

- A legislative action plan
- Focusing of general development programmes for benefiting children wherever possible, and
- Project-based action plans in areas of high concentration of child labour engaged in wage/quasi-wage employment.

(c): At present 100 National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) are under implementation in 13 child labour endemic states for coverage of 2.11 lakh children. So far, 18 Projects have been sanctioned to the state of Orissa.

(d): Under the scheme of NCLP, projects are sanctioned on the basis of proposals received from the district duly recommended by the concerned state government. Number of special schools/centres to be sanctioned depends upon the number of child labour identified during the survey.